Data Communication System

1773. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the data communicatin systems in operation in India at present and what further systems are proposed to be introduced in the country during Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the plan outlay for each such systems for each year in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) what is the Projected requirement of equipment for each such systems in the Seventh Five Year Plan, both in terms of quantity and value;

(d) whether the same is being manufactured in the country and if not what is the import requirement in each case;

(e) what is the nature, quantity and value of the equipment for each data communication system imported so far in the Seventh Five Year Plan period from each country, indicating the names of the companies; and

(f) what are the long-term plans for development of data communications in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Data on public switched telephone network)Dial up service) up to speed of 1200 bps is in operation in India at present. Also an experimental three node Packet switched data system of Telecommunication Research Centre Delhi, is in operation at present. A packet switched public data network called 'Vikram is proposed to be established in the Seventh Five Year Plan. A large number of leased circuits for data transmission have also been provided to various subscribers.

(b) to (d) The proposed total Plan outlay of Packet switched public data network 'Vikram' is about Rs. 13 crores. The projected requirement of equipment for the packed switched public data network is to cater initially for 2415 subscribers with ultimate of 7245 subscribers. The equipment is not manufactured in the country and will have to be imported.

(e) Nil.

(f) The long term objective of the Department of Telecommunications is to establish an integrated services digital network (ISDN) in India for integrated voice and data communication.

Telecommunication Plan

1774. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 15th July, 1986 under the caption 'Cut in allocation upsets telecommunication plan;' if so, what are the details thereof; as to how far the telecommunication plan has been upset on this account; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to meet the requirements of telecommunication facilities in the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is true that the plan allocation has been fixed at Rs. 4010 crores. However, it is not correct to say that Finance Ministry has decided to stop further budgetary support to the 7th Plan of Department of Telecommunications although the budgetary support in the current year is less than that in the last year. The budgetary support for subsequent years of the plan is yet to be decided. It is true that with the allocation of Rs. 4010 crores, the original objective of meeting the demand for telephones by 1990 had to be abandoned. The revised targets for the